Constitution of Prasar Bharati Board

80. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) when was the Prasar Bharati Board constituted;

(b) who was the Chairman of the Board as on 20th November, 2000;

(c) who was the Chief Executive Officer of Prasar Bharati as on 20th November, 2000;

(d) whether Government have framed rules for selection for the above post and also for other members of Prasar Bharati Board; and

(e) if not, the reasons for delay in framing the recruitment rules and by when, they will be framed?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) Prasar Bharati Board was constituted on 23rd November, 1997.

(b) Shri Nikhil Chakrawarty, appointed as Chairman of the Board on 23.11.1997 expired on 27.6.1998. Thereafter, the post has not been filled up.

(c) Shri R.R. Shah, Additional Secretary in the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting was holding additional charge of the Executive Member of the Prasar Bharati on *ad-hoc* basis.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Dates for the National Films Festival

81. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided any date for the National Films Festival;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for postponing the films festival; and